

## GENERAL INFORMATION (cont.)

ment of Mud River, but may eat six meals per year of game fish from this segment of Mud River. (PCB)

**From Wolf Lick Creek to the Green River (Butler and Muhlenberg Counties):** Fish that feed on the bottom such as catfish, carp, suckers and freshwater drum may be eaten, but not more than one meal per month. Game fish species such as black bass, sunfish and crappie may be eaten, but not more than one meal per week. Women of childbearing age and children should not eat more than six meals per year of bottom-feeding fish in this segment of Mud River,

but may eat one meal per month of game fish from this segment of Mud River. (PCB)

**6) Town Branch (Logan County):** Fish should not be consumed from any portion of Town Branch. This includes all species and sizes. (PCB)

**7) Metropolis Lake (McCracken County):** No more than one meal per month of fish should be eaten. (PCB and Mercury)

**8) Ohio River, bordering Kentucky:** A new method for reporting the fish consumption advisory for the Ohio River has been adopted. Consumption rates for specific fish have been developed based on a meal of

1/2 pound of fish (before cooking) eaten by a 150-pound individual. Following these guidelines and spacing your meals of those fish species will limit your health risks by reducing your total exposure.

A special population category exists for women of childbearing age, children 6 years of age or younger, pregnant and nursing women and women who plan to become pregnant. Those individuals who consume fish from the Ohio River should follow the special population consumption advisories.

### Upper Reach (Mouth of the Big Sandy River to Markland L&D):

	General Population	Special Population
Paddlefish (and their eggs)	6 meals/year	No consumption
Carp	1 meal/month	6 meals/year
Channel catfish:		
over 21" -	6 meals/year	No consumption
under 21" -	1 meal/month	6 meals/year
Drum	1 meal/month	6 meals/year
Smallmouth buffalo	1 meal/month	6 meals/year
White bass	1 meal/month	6 meals/year
White crappie	unlimited	1 meal/week
Hybrid striped bass	1 meal/month	6 meals/year
Sauger	1 meal/week	1 meal/month
Flathead Catfish	1 meal/week	1 meal/month
Black Bass (Largemouth, Smallmouth & Spotted)	1 meal/week	1 meal/month

### Middle Reach (Markland L&D to Cannelton L&D):

Paddlefish (and their eggs)	6 meals/year	No consumption
Channel catfish		
over 21" -	6 meals/year	No consumption
under 21" -	1 meal/month	6 meals/year
Carp	1 meal/month	6 meals/year
Drum	1 meal/month	6 meals/year
Hybrid striped bass	1 meal/month	6 meals/year
Sauger	1 meal/week	1 meal/month
White bass	1 meal/month	6 meals/year
Flathead Catfish	1 meal/week	1 meal/month
Black Bass (Largemouth, Smallmouth & Spotted)	1 meal/week	1 meal/month

### Lower Reach (Cannelton to Mouth of Ohio River):

Paddlefish and their eggs	6 meals/year	No consumption
Blue Catfish		
over 14" -	1 meal/month	6 meals/year
under 14" -	1 meal/week	1 meal/month
Channel Catfish	1 meal/month	6 meals/year
Carp	1 meal/month	6 meals/year
Drum	1 meal/month	6 meals/year
Hybrid striped bass	1 meal/month	6 meals/year
Sauger	1 meal/week	1 meal/month
White bass	1 meal/month	6 meals/year
White crappie	unlimited	1 meal/week
Bigmouth Buffalo	1 meal/week	1 meal/month
Black Bass (Largemouth, Smallmouth & Spotted)	1 meal/week	1 meal/month

# ATTENTION!!

## SPORTSMAN'S CLUBS & WILDLIFE ORGANIZATIONS

### Commission Conservation Permits

Incorporated non-profit wildlife conservation organizations and sportsman's clubs have a unique opportunity to help the KDFWR manage and conserve the wildlife resources in Kentucky, and improve the recreational opportunities associated with those resources.

Any conservation organization or club with a 501 (c) (3) certificate can apply in writing before May 1 annually to be awarded a Commission Conservation Permit to use in raising funds for various conservation-related projects. The Commission may award up to ten hunting and fishing permits of any type each year to any conservation group or club who successfully petitions the Commission for one of these permits.

Permit application letters must contact and identify five major items:

- (a) The organization's potential to raise funds using the permit,
- (b) How much money the organization expects to raise and why,
- (c) Method to be used in selling the permit,
- (d) Description of the project those funds might be applied to; and
- (e) Names of members of the organization submitting the proposal and why the organization believes it is best-suited to receive the permit it identifies in its proposal.

All proceeds raised from the sale of Commission Conservation Permits must be utilized on a project that is approved by the KDFWR Commission. Persons who purchase an elk permit from the organization awarded the permit will participate in the upcoming year's quota elk hunt. Persons who purchase a deer permit from an awarded organization may hunt on any wildlife management area during the normal season, and take one antlered or antlerless deer in addition to the statewide limit. Persons who purchase a turkey permit (either sex) from an awarded organization may hunt on any WMA normally open for turkey hunting and take one (1) turkey in addition to the statewide limit. Deer and turkey Commission Conservation Permits may also be used on private lands during their respective seasons.

Individuals are ineligible to apply for Commission Conservation Permits. Organizations that apply must provide verification to the KDFWR of tax-exempt, non-profit status, along with their application.

For more details, refer to KAR 301 3:100, or contact the KDFWR at (800) 858-1549 weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern.

### FISHING TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

As a voluntary program, fishing event organizers are strongly urged to use the Tournament Web Site at [fw.ky.gov/tournamentschedule.aspx](http://fw.ky.gov/tournamentschedule.aspx) to register and report on their events. Tournament planners can avoid space conflicts with other previously registered events by adjusting the date, time, specific launch areas or weigh-in site for their activities.

Other recreational anglers and boaters can check the web site to see when and where fishing events are scheduled. This will assist them in planning their activities and also help avoid potential space conflicts. Additional permits may be required by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or the U.S. Forest Service.

If the launch site for your tournament involves using a marina ramp, please contact the marina operator before scheduling your tournament.

There are an estimated 800-1000 fishing tournaments held annually in Kentucky waters. These can be a valuable source

of information to our fishery biologists. Following each scheduled event, tournament organizers are asked to report their catch data directly on the tournament web site or on forms which can be sent via postal mail. Voluntary cooperation from tournament organizers will be used in making fishery

management decisions. At the end of the tournament season a summary of tournament results will be sent to all providers. If not provided with one, contact your local fisheries district office. They will provide a packet.



*The Angler's Legacy program aims to mobilize the 7.5 million avid anglers in the United States to "take someone fishing." The program intends to pass the angling legacy down to the next generation. Take the pledge by logging on to [www.anglerslegacy.org](http://www.anglerslegacy.org) to take a child, friend, co-worker or relative on a fishing trip.*

# AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES

## Stop Stocking Fish in Public Waters and Help Control the Spread of Non-native Aquatic Nuisance Species

Sport anglers unintentionally and intentionally stock fish in Kentucky's public waters. These species mainly include gizzard shad and alewives that are present in several water bodies. Gizzard shad have been illegally released in several small public lakes where they previously were not present. They interfere with the lake's ability to support a quality bluegill population. Alewives are a non-native fish illegally stocked into several Kentucky lakes. The total impact of these fish is not known, but they are known to eat young fish, including sport fishes.

Additionally, there are many non-native aquatic species that invaded the country, particularly in Great Lake states. These include both plants and animals such as Eurasian watermilfoil, round goby, ruffe, spring water flea, and zebra mussels. **No live fish, live minnow, or live bait organisms not native or established in Kentucky shall be bought, sold, possessed, imported, or in any way used or released into Kentucky waters.**



### Asian Carp

Much like the zebra mussel and other non-native species introduced into Kentucky, two new species of Asian carp, the big head and silver, have invaded river systems in Kentucky, particularly the lower Ohio, Tennessee and Cumberland rivers. Both of these species are plankton eaters and may exceed 50 pounds in size. Their impact on native species is not presently known, but they represent a competitive threat to other plankton eating fish such as our native paddlefish and most of our sport fish at early life stages.

**These species are probably spawning in these river systems and their**

**young can be easily mistaken as shad or skipjack herring. All bait collectors using cast or dip nets, especially from Kentucky and Barkley tailwaters, should never dispose of any live bait into other water bodies due to the potential threat of spreading these aquatic nuisance species.**

### Zebra Mussels

Kentucky has zebra mussels present in our waters and are at nuisance levels in the Ohio River. They attach themselves to any solid submerged surface in a cluster, reproduce rapidly, and pose a serious threat to native freshwater mussel populations. These mussels have elongated pointed shells less than two inches long with a zebra like pattern of stripes. Zebra mussels can live 8 to 10 days out of water and can be transported to another water body while attached to a boat.

#### To help stop non-native species:

- **CLEAN** your boat and trailer before launching into or leaving any waterbody.
- **REMOVE** all plants and animals.
- **DRAIN** all water from bilges and livewells.
- **DISPOSE** of unwanted live bait on shore
- **DO NOT STOCK THE LAKE!!**
- **RINSE** your boat, trailer and equipment with high pressure hot water.
- **DRY** everything for at least five days.



### Largemouth Bass Virus (LMBV)

The Largemouth bass virus is a newly recognized disease and may cause death in largemouth bass. Largemouth bass virus in naturally occurring and so far is isolated in eastern states, including Kentucky.

The virus infects largemouth bass by transmission through water, contact with infected fish or by eating infected prey. Stress seems to trigger the deadly effects of the virus. High summer water temperature is the leading cause

of largemouth bass virus fish kills. Although the virus may cause fish kills, infected fish may never show signs of the disease and live a normal life span. No fish kills in Kentucky have been attributed to the virus, but the potential still exists.

Largemouth bass virus affects mainly fish over 12 inches long. Dying fish struggle at the surface and have trouble remaining upright. Sores may be visible on infected fish, but these are caused by secondary infections of bacteria or fungi.

You can prevent the spread of this virus by the above same steps used to fight the spread of non-native species with a few additional precautions:

- **DO NOT** move fish from one body of water to another
- **RELEASE** bass as quickly as possible with a minimum of handling
- **CONDUCT** fishing tournaments during the cooler months to minimize stress on bass
- **REPORT** dead or dying fish to your local District Fisheries Biologist

### VHS Virus

Viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS) has been identified in common fish species in the Great Lakes states. Die-offs have been documented in crappie, bluegill, smallmouth bass, freshwater drum, and muskellunge. Officials also detected the virus in white bass, walleye and some sucker species. Movement of fish from infected waters is a possible pathway for the virus to infect Kentucky waters.

**DO NOT TRANSFER** fish or water from any water body to avoid movement of this pathogen. Symptoms of the virus include bulging eyes, bloated abdomens, inactive or over-active behavior and hemorrhaging in the eyes, skin, gills and at the base of the fins. The VHS virus is not harmful to humans. Any fish kills or sick fish should be reported to the fisheries division of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources at 1-800-858-1549.

# Angler's Fish Identification Guide



## Sauger

1. Rows of dark spots on spiny dorsal fin, 2. No dark blotch at rear of spiny dorsal fin, 3. Dark saddle-like blotches which extend onto the sides of the body



## Hybrid Striped Bass

1. Tooth patch on tongue consists of two rows of teeth, often partially joined, 2. Back moderately arched, 3. Most stripes are broken, many more than once



## Walleye

1. Dark streaks or blotches on spiny dorsal fin, but not distinct spots, 2. Dark blotch at rear of spiny, dorsal fin, 3. White spot on lower lobe of tail fin



## Striped Bass

1. Tooth patch on tongue consists of two distinctly split, parallel rows of teeth, 2. Back slightly arched, more streamlined, 3. Stripes very distinct and most extend fully onto tail



## Brown Trout

1. Dark spots and orange or red spots with blue halos, 2. No spots on tail fin



## White Bass

1. Single tooth patch on tongue, 2. Back arched, 3. Stripes often faint and irregular





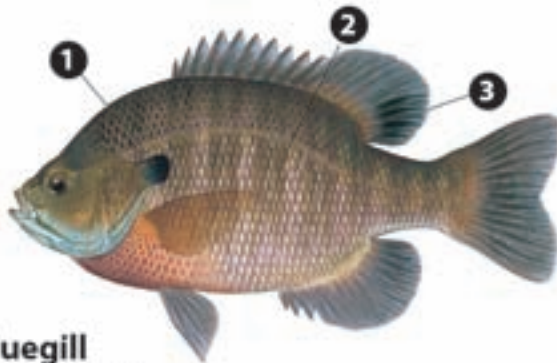
### Rainbow Trout

1. Pink to red stripe on side,
2. Back and sides heavily speckled
3. Spots on tail fin



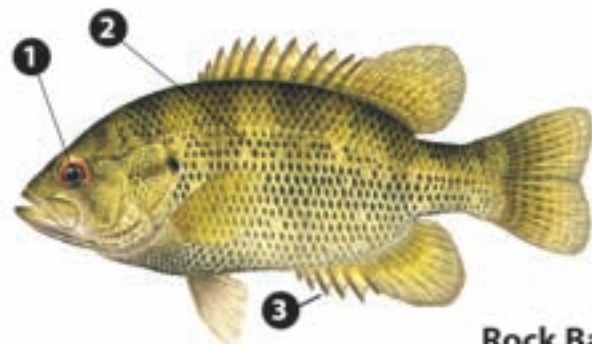
### Muskellunge

1. Duck-like bill with sharp teeth,
2. No scales on lower half of cheek and gill flap



### Bluegill

1. Gill flap black,
2. Vertical bars on side,
3. Dark blotch at rear of soft dorsal fin



### Rock Bass

1. Eye rimmed in red, 2. Most scales have a dark spot,
3. Anal fin has five or six spines



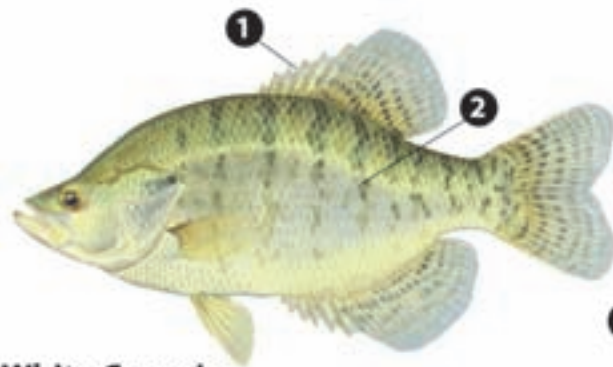
### Redear Sunfish

1. Gill flap black with orange or red margin,
2. No dark blotch at rear of soft dorsal fin



### Smallmouth Bass

1. Upper jaw does not extend beyond back of eye,
2. Shallow notch between dorsal fins,
3. Bronze colored with vertical bars on side



### White Crappie

1. Dorsal fin has five or six spines,
2. Vertical bars on side



### Largemouth Bass

1. Upper jaw extends beyond back of eye,
2. Dorsal fins separated by deep notch,
3. Tongue without tooth patch



### Black Crappie

1. Dorsal fin has seven or eight spines,
2. Irregular black blotches on side



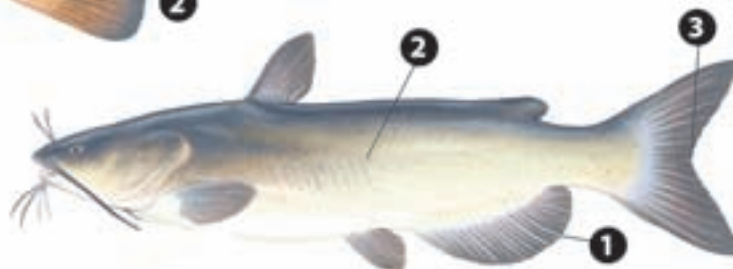
### Spotted Bass

1. Upper jaw does not extend beyond back of eye,
2. Shallow notch between dorsal fins,
3. Rows of dark spots below lateral line,
4. Single tooth patch on tongue



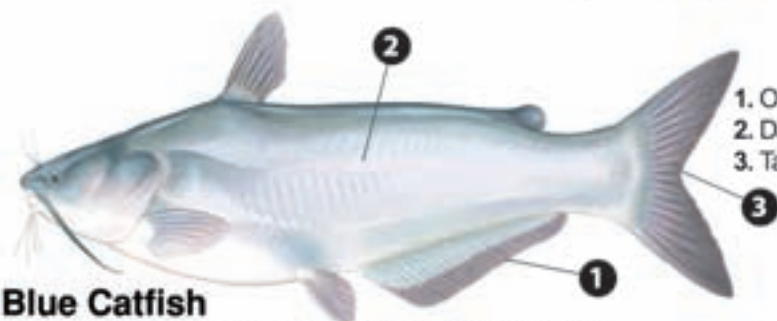
### Flathead Catfish

1. Lower jaw projects far beyond upper jaw,
2. Tail fin not deeply forked,
3. Head is compressed on flathead catfish



### Channel Catfish

1. Outer margin of anal fin rounded with 24 to 29 rays,
2. Dark spots usually on body,
3. Tail fin deeply forked



### Blue Catfish

1. Outer margin of anal fin straight, with 30 to 35 rays,
2. Body without dark spots,
3. Tail fin deeply forked

# TROPHY FISH/ MASTER ANGLER AWARD PROGRAM

Anglers who catch, by pole and line, any **one** fish meeting the length requirements below may qualify for the Trophy Fish/Master Angler Awards Program. Anglers who catch **three** different species of trophy status are eligible for the Master Angler Award plaque. There is no time limit in which the three different species must be caught, but each catch must be documented and registered as a trophy fish with the KDFWR since the program began in 1987. Species counted toward a Master Angler Award may not be duplicated.

## Eligible Species and Minimum Length In Inches

Blue Catfish .....	35
Bluegill .....	10
Bowfin .....	25
Brook Trout .....	11
Brown Trout .....	20
Bullhead Catfish .....	14
Carp .....	35
Chain Pickerel .....	24
Channel Catfish .....	28
Crappie .....	15
Flathead Catfish .....	35
Freshwater Drum .....	25
Gar .....	40
Hybrid Striped Bass .....	23
Kentucky (Spotted) Bass .....	16
Largemouth Bass .....	23
Muskellunge .....	40
Rainbow Trout .....	20
Redear Sunfish .....	10
Redbreast Sunfish .....	10
Rock Bass .....	10
Sauger .....	18
Smallmouth Bass .....	20
Striped Bass .....	36
Walleye .....	25
White Bass .....	16
Yellow Perch .....	10

Complete details are available by writing the Trophy Fish/Master Angler Program, Fisheries Division, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601, or calling 1-800-858-1549.

**Report all fish kills** as soon as possible by calling **1-800-25-ALERT**. Callers are not required to give their names.



## Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Trophy Fish/Master Angler Award Application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Angler: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

KY Fishing License # \_\_\_\_\_

If exempt, SS#: \_\_\_\_\_

Species of Fish: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Caught: \_\_\_\_\_

Waters Where Caught: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

### THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED FOR APPLICATION TO BE VALID.

Include a photo of fish (preferably a side view) and angler. Species should be clearly identifiable from photo.

Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Inches (nearest 1/4)

Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ lbs. \_\_\_\_\_ oz.

Signature of Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Witness: \_\_\_\_\_



(Application must be signed by  
both angler and witness)

"I hereby swear that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that the taking of the fish described above was in accordance with the official rules governing Kentucky's Angler Awards Program."

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Angler

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## MASTER ANGLER SECTION

If this is your third catch in a series of three different species for which you have not been awarded a Master Angler wooden plaque, please complete this section:

First Species Caught: \_\_\_\_\_

Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Inches (nearest 1/4)

Inches: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Species Caught: \_\_\_\_\_

Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Inches (nearest 1/4)

Inches: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Third Species Caught: \_\_\_\_\_

Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Inches (nearest 1/4)

Inches: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

### Complete this form and return to:

Trophy Fish/Master Angler Coordinator  
Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources  
#1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601

(One application per fish caught.  
For more applications, call 1-800-858-1549.)

## DEFINITIONS

(301 KAR 1:201, KRS 150.010)

Fishing-related definitions not listed here are included in appropriate sections of this guide.

**Angling** means taking or attempting to take fish by hook and line in hand, rod in hand, jugging, set line or sport fishing trotline.

**Artificial baits** are lures or flies made of wood, metal, plastic, hair, feathers, preserved pork rind or similar inert materials and having no organic baits including dough bait, putty or paste type baits designed to attract fish by taste or smell.

**Authorization number** is the number assigned to a person in lieu of fishing or hunting license when the license is purchased over the phone or Internet.

**Black bass** includes largemouth, smallmouth, Kentucky (spotted) and Coosa bass.

**Daylight hours** begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset.

**Daily limit** is the maximum number of a particular species or group of species a person may legally keep in a day or have in possession while fishing.

**Fishing** is taking or attempting to take fish in any manner, whether or not fish are in possession.

**Kentucky (spotted) bass** is a black bass with a patch of teeth on its tongue.

**Lake** means impounded waters, from the dam upstream to the first riffle on the main stem river and tributary streams or as specified in regulation.

**Length** means the distance from the front tip of a fish's lower jaw with mouth closed to the tip of its tail with the fish laid flat on a rule with its tail lobes squeezed together.

**Organic baits** are insects, minnows, fish eggs, worms, corn, cheese, cut bait or similar substances used as a lure.

**Possession limit** is the maximum number of fish a person may hold in the field after two or more days of fishing.

**Regulation** is a written document adopted and approved by the KDFWR Commission and approved by legislative committees.

**Release** means return of the fish, in the best possible condition, immediately after removing the hook, to the water from which it was taken in a place where the fish's immediate escape shall not be prevented.

**Resident** is anyone who has established permanent and legal residence in Kentucky and residing here at least 30 days.

**Size limit** is the legal length a fish must be if it is in possession. (Fish length is measured from the tip of the closed lower jaw to the tip of the tail with fish laid flat on rule and tail lobes squeezed together.)

**Slot limit** means fish within a specified minimum and maximum size range must be released.

**Single hook** is a hook with only one point.

**Tenant** is any resident sharecropper or lessee who lives and works on farmland owned by his/her landlord.



# STATE RECORD FISH PROGRAM

To qualify for the state record fish program, fish must be caught in Kentucky waters by pole and line only and be verified by a state fisheries biologist. Fish taken on commercial gear, by trotlines or by gigging, snagging, tickling, noodling, hand grabbing or bow fishing are not eligible. Fish need to be weighed on a scale certified for legal trade.

Applications for the state record fish program are available from Kentucky State Record Fish Program, Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601, 1-800-858-1549 or from your District Fisheries Office:

## Western Fishery District

Paul Rister/Neal Jackson  
Murray, KY  
(270) 753-3886

## Northwestern Fishery District

Rob Rold  
Calhoun, KY  
(270) 273-3117

## Southwestern Fishery District

Eric Cummins/David Wyffels  
Bowling Green, KY  
(270) 746-7127

## Central Fisheries District

Kerry Prather/Jeff Crosby  
Frankfort, KY  
1-800-858-1549

## Northeastern Fishery District

Lew Kornman/Fred Howes  
Morehead, KY  
(606) 784-6872

## Eastern Fishery District

Kevin Frey  
Prestonsburg, KY  
(606) 889-1705

## Pfieffer Fish Hatchery

Mike Larimore/Steve Marple  
Frankfort, KY  
(502) 564-4957

## Southeastern Fishery District

John Williams/Marcy Anderson  
Williamsburg, KY  
(606) 549-1332

## Minor Clark Fish Hatchery

Rod Middleton/Pete Besant  
Morehead, KY  
(606) 784-6872

SPECIES	WEIGHT	CAUGHT BY	LOCATION	DATE
<b>ANCIENT FISH</b>				
Bowfin	15 lbs. 13 ozs.	<b>Norman Moran</b> Lexington, KY	Green River	5/31/99
Longnose Gar	40 lbs.	<b>Kelsie Travis, Jr.</b> Paducah, KY	Ohio River	8/8/56
Paddlefish (Spoonbill)	106 lbs.	<b>William Chumbler</b> Calvert City, KY	Ohio River,	3/23/04
Sturgeon	36 lbs. 8 ozs.	<b>Barney Frazier</b> Corbin, KY	Lake Cumberland	10/3/54
<b>BASS, BLACK</b>				
Kentucky Bass (Spotted Bass)	7 lbs. 10 ozs.	<b>A.E. Sellers</b> Louisville, KY	Nelson County	6/13/70
Largemouth Bass	13 lbs. 10 ozs.	<b>Dale Wilson</b> London, KY	Wood Creek Lake	4/14/84
*Smallmouth Bass	11 lbs. 15 ozs.	<b>David L. Hayes</b> Leitchfield, KY	Dale Hollow Lake	7/9/55
Coosa bass	0.53 lbs.	<b>Floyd Wayne Howard</b> Cawood, KY	Martin's Fork Creek	7/6/05
<b>BASS, TEMPERATE</b>				
Striped Bass (Rockfish)	58 lbs. 4 ozs.	<b>Roger Foster</b> Somerset, KY	Beaver Creek Lake Cumberland	12/11/85
Hybrid Striped Bass	20 lbs. 8 ozs.	<b>Mark Wilson</b> Louisville, KY	Barren River Tailwaters	4/27/91
White Bass	5 lbs.	<b>Lorne Eli</b> Dawson Springs, KY	Kentucky Lake	7/11/43
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		<b>B.B. Hardin</b> Mt. Eden, KY	Herrington Lake	6/3/57
Yellow Bass	1 lb. 1 oz.	<b>DeWayne West</b> Hopkinsville, KY	Little River, Lake Barkley	3/10/91
<b>CARP/SUCKER</b>				
Bighead Carp	52 lbs.	<b>Donny Lee Johnson</b> Island, KY	Green River	7/8/01
Blue Sucker	4 lbs. 12 ozs.	<b>Howard Hillard</b> Livermore, KY	Green River	4/25/01
Buffalo (Smallmouth)	55 lbs.	Clinton Roby Waddy, KY	Kentucky Lake	3/23/00
Common Carp	54 lbs. 14 ozs.	<b>Ricky Vance</b> Paris, KY	South Fork, Licking River	3/13/71
<b>Creek Chub</b>	<b>0.59 lbs</b>	<b>Joshua Scott</b> Louisville, KY	<b>Otter Creek,</b> <b>Hardin County</b>	<b>3/26/06</b>
Golden Redhorse	4 lbs. 5 oz.	<b>Leif Meadows</b> Stanton, KY	Red River	4/22/98
Grass Carp	55 lbs. 8 oz.	<b>Daniel Nally</b> Springfield, KY	Private Lake Washington County	3/14/01

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>CAUGHT BY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Northern Hog Sucker	1 lbs. 12 ozs.	<b>Larry Salchli</b> Stanton, KY	Slate Creek Bath County	4/7/05
River Redhorse	9 lbs. 1 oz.	<b>Denny Hatfield</b> London, KY	Rockcastle River	9/20/03
Silver Carp	9 lbs., 8 ozs.	<b>Marvin Joe Southard</b> McHenry, KY	Ohio River	8/8/04
White Sucker	1 lb. 10 ozs.	<b>Larry Salchli</b> Stanton, KY	Slate Creek, Montgomery County	3/19/98
<b>CATFISH</b>				
Blue Catfish	104 lbs.	<b>Bruce Midkiff</b> Owensboro, KY	Ohio River	8/28/99
Bullhead Catfish	5 lbs. 3 ozs.	<b>Harry Case</b> Paris, KY	Guist Creek Lake	10/18/92
Channel Catfish	32 lbs.	<b>Kyle Estep</b> South Point, OH	Ohio River, Boyd County	5/26/04
Flathead Catfish	97 lbs.	<b>Esler Carroll</b>	Green River	6/6/56
White Catfish	1.82 lbs.	<b>Charlie Crain</b> Shelbyville, KY	Guist Creek Lake	5/3/04
<b>DRUM</b>				
Freshwater Drum	38 lbs.	<b>Larry Cardwell</b> Morgantown, KY	Green River	6/5/80
<b>HERRING</b>				
<b>Skipjack Herring</b>	<b>3.10 lbs.</b>	<b>Joey Dixon</b> Elizabethtown, KY	<b>Ohio River, Cannelton Tailwater</b>	<b>4/14/06</b>
<b>MOONEYE</b>				
Goldeye	2.64 lbs.	<b>Mark Smith</b> Lexington, KY	Kentucky River	4/21/01
<b>PERCH</b>				
Logperch	0.02 lbs.	<b>Amanda Webb</b> Prestonsburg, KY	Dewey Lake	4/21/04
Sauger	7 lbs. 7 ozs.	<b>Rastie Andrew</b> Jamestown, KY	Lake Cumberland	4/28/83
Saugeye	6 lbs. 9 ozs.	<b>Chuck Kouns</b> South Shore, KY	Ohio River, Greenup County	2/19/98
Walleye	21 lbs. 8 ozs	<b>Abe Black</b> Shaker Heights, OH	Lake Cumberland	10/1/58
Yellow Perch	1 lb. 4. oz.	<b>Willie Jackson</b> Murray, KY	Kenlake Resort,	11/17/04
<b>PIKE</b>				
Chain Pickerel	5 lbs. 6 ozs.	<b>Tommy Thompson</b> Bardwell, KY	Kentucky Lake Forked Lake,	7/8/83
Grass Pickerel	10 ozs.	<b>Gerald Gallagher</b> Louisville, KY	Carlisle County Wilson Creek,	7/17/89
Muskellunge	44 lbs. 6 ozs.	<b>Scott Flatt</b> Lexington, KY	Bullitt County Cave Run Lake	5/9/98
Northern Pike	9 lbs. 8 ozs.	<b>Howard F. Renfro</b> Madisonville, KY	Strip Mine Lake, Muhlenberg Co.	10/15/81
Tiger Muskies (Muskellunge Hybrid)	13 lbs. 12 ozs.	<b>James Mollet</b> Auxier, KY	Dewey Lake	5/5/81
<b>SUNFISH</b>				
Bluegill	4 lbs. 3 ozs.	<b>Phil Conyers</b> Madisonville, KY	Strip Mine Lake, Hopkins County	8/5/80
Crappie (White or Black)	4 lbs. 14 ozs.	<b>Penny Hopper</b> Crofton, KY	Watershed Lake, Christian County	5/8/05
Green Sunfish	1 lb. 5 ozs.	<b>Raymond Peyton</b>	Farm Pond	6/13/00
Longear Sunfish	13 ozs.	<b>Anthony Lynch</b> Salersville, KY	Strip Mine Pond, Magoffin County	6/23/94
Redbreast Sunfish	14 ozs.	<b>Tim King</b> Stearns, KY	Marsh Creek	9/1/97
Redear Sunfish	3 lbs. 1 oz.	<b>Betty Truax</b> Finchville, KY	Farm Pond Shelby County	5/24/82
Rock Bass	1 lb. 10 ozs.	<b>H.S. White</b> Cadiz, KY	Casey Creek, Trigg County	5/26/75
Warmouth	1 lb. 6.2 ozs.	<b>John Hoover</b> Louisville, KY	Private Pond, Jefferson County	7/21/03
<b>TROUT</b>				
Brook Trout	1 lb. 5 ozs.	<b>R. James Augustus</b> Louisville, KY	Martins Fork, Bell County	8/21/82
Brown Trout	21 lbs.	<b>Thomas Malone</b> Crofton, KY	Cumberland River, Lake Cumberland Tailwaters	4/30/00
Lake Trout	5 lbs. 5 ozs.	<b>John McDonogh</b> Jeffersontown, KY	Cumberland River Lake Cumberland	4/4/83
Rainbow Trout	14 lbs. 6 ozs.	<b>Jim Mattingly</b> Somerset, KY	Cumberland River Lake Cumberland	9/10/72

Note: No listing for a species means no record exists for that species. Line class records are not maintained by the KDFWR.

\*All Tackle World Record. (The International Game Fish Association recently reinstated this record, our state record smallmouth bass is the all tackle world record as well.)

# BOATING

## INTRODUCTION

This publication provides basic information for most boaters and answers the most commonly asked questions. However, it is not all inclusive. For further information, please contact:

Division of Law Enforcement

#1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601

1-800-858-1549

For emergencies, officers may be contacted by dialing 1-800-252-5378, or local law enforcement agency or through the nearest Kentucky State Police post. One may use marine channel 16 to contact a local marina.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Kentucky Boaters on the Ohio River may also be subject to the laws of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and the U.S. Coast Guard.

### BOAT REGISTRATION FEES:

#### Class A Vessels

(less than 16' in length) \$15.00

#### Class 1 Vessels

(16' to less than 26' in length) \$19.00

#### Class 2 Vessels

(26' to less than 40' in length) \$25.00

#### Class 3 Vessels

(over 40' in length) \$29.00

#### Inboard boats

(regardless of size) \$30.00

#### Boats propelled by an electric

(trolling) motor only \$5.00

**THE ABOVE COSTS DO NOT INCLUDE PROPERTY TAXES, CLERKS FEES, TITLING FEES OR ANY OTHER APPLICABLE CHARGES** (301 KAR 6:005)

## REGISTRATION

(301 KAR 6:001, 6:010)

All mechanically powered vessels used primarily in this state must have a Kentucky registration. Boats are registered at the county clerk's office. Persons may register in the county of their residence or the county of principal use. Boat registrations expire April 30 each year.

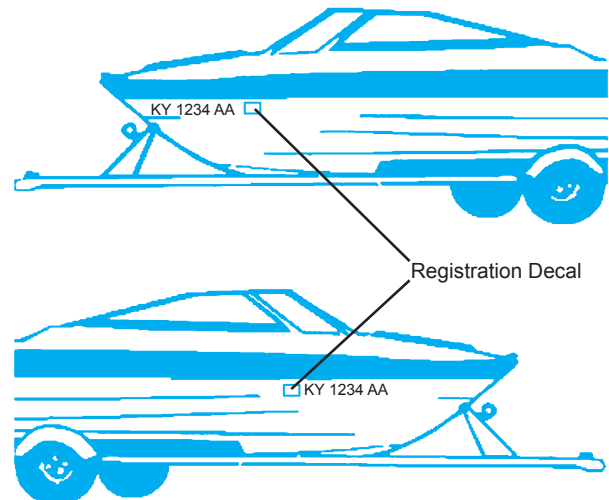
Boats registered in other states may be used for up to 60 consecutive days in Kentucky without registering here.

All boats operated in Kentucky must have the registration certificate on board. Boats that are rented from a marina or boat livery must have a lease agreement on board.

### Display of Number and Decal

Once boats are assigned a registration number and decals, they must be displayed correctly.

The number assigned, and no other, shall be displayed on the bow, or forward half, of each side of the vessel, read from left to right, and in a position to be distinctly visible. The letters and numbers must be of a plain block design, at least three (3) inches in height, and of a color that will provide maximum contrast to the background (light numbers on a dark hull or vice versa).



There must be a letter size space between letter and number groups:

CORRECT: KY 1234 AA

INCORRECT: KY1234AA

Registration decals are to be placed within six inches behind (aft) and in line with the registration number. Upon renewal every year, old registration decals are to be removed and the current ones applied.

### Transfer, Destruction or Abandonment

When ownership of a currently registered boat changes, it is the responsibility of the purchaser to take the endorsed title to the county clerk and have the boat transferred into the name of the new owner. This procedure must be done upon completion of the transaction.

Whenever a vessel is transferred, the seller shall, within 15 days, give the county clerk notice of the transfer of his interest in the vessel.

Whenever a vessel is destroyed or abandoned, the owner shall, within 15 days, give notice to the county clerk to terminate the registration. The owner shall remove the numbers and decals from the vessel.

## OPERATION

### AGE RESTRICTIONS

A person must be 12 years or older to operate a motorboat (including personal watercraft) 10 horsepower or over on Kentucky public waters. A person 12 - 17 years old shall possess a Kentucky Safe Boating Certificate Card or a certifi-